GOVERNMENT OF KERALA ABSTRACT

Disposal of Government lands acquired under land Acquisition Act - procedure - modification issued.

REVENUE (B) DEPARTMENT

ORDER

According to the existing procedure laid down in paragraph 3(iv) of the G.P. cited above, the original owners or there are to be given preference in the matter of conveyance of certain categories of land acquired for a public purpose, but no longer required for such a purpose. It is soon that this intention of Government in giving preference to the original owners or their heirs could not be fulfilled in case where the market value of the land proposed to be reconvened is loss than the cost price (actual compensation amount paid including so latium).at which it was acquired . Normally the market value of the land would appreciate with the passage of time, but in some cases due to deterioration in the land . as can happen in the case of lands acquired for railway by digging of trends etc. there might droprociation in the market value of the land. As per the of the land. As per the existing procedure, the could be offered to the original owners or their heirs only at cost price and there is no provision to off or if at the market value to the adjoining owners. Government consider that this anomaly should be rectified and order that in cases where the market value of the land is less than the cost price (the actual compensation including solatium) the land may be offered at the ,market value first to the original owners or their legal heirs and if they should decline, the existing procedure might be followed.

2. The orders contained in paragraph 3 (iv) of the G.P. read above will stand modified to this extent.

By order of the Governor,

R. GOPALASWAMY. Additional Secretary of Government.

To.

The Secretary, Head of Revenue. All Heads of Department etc. etc. Endt. R.Dis. D1 37***********

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Forwarded/ By order,

Head Draftman.

Chief Conservator of Forests Trivandrum.